Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has established the Mines Medal as South Dakota's premier award to an engineer or scientist in recognition of outstanding national and international achievement in science, engineering, or technological challenges impacting society; and,

Whereas, Dr. Diana Harrison Wall will be recognized for her work as a soil ecologist and environmental scientist, with emphasis on the relationship between biodiversity and ecosystem survival, including leading research determining the response of soil invertebrate diversity and ecosystem processes to environmental change; and,

Whereas, Dr. Wall's research focus has been the link between biodiversity and ecosystem survival in highly distinct sites around the world, ranging from the Shortgrass Steppe Long Term Ecological Research site in Colorado to Tanzania in sub-Saharan Africa and the McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica, where Wall Valley, Antarctica, was designated for her contributions; and,

Whereas, Dr. Wall's knowledge of how soil microorganisms cycle carbon, control erosion, regulate pests and pathogens, remove pollution, and purify water has demonstrated the importance of understanding the diversity of soil species and their functions, with the goal of global sustainable soil management; and,

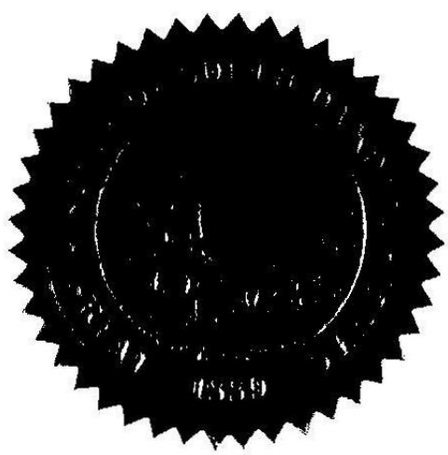
Whereas, Dr. Wall has written numerous refereed papers, edited four books, published over 100 articles, and communicated her discoveries to the non-scientific population through magazine articles and television; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that the Governor of the state of South Dakota recognize Dr. Wall as the 2012 recipient of the prestigious Mines Medal to be presented September 27, 2012:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2012, as

DR. DIANA HARRISON WALL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State